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Real Estate License Revocations

RICHMOND – The Virginia Real Estate Board issued four license revocations at its most recent meeting Thursday, September 14. Below is a summary of the Board's actions.

Copies of the file orders are available online at www.dpor.virginia.gov under "License Lookup." Fines are deposited directly into the state Literary Fund, which is used solely for public education purposes such as school construction, renovation, and teacher retirement funding.

AMANI I. HUSSEIN

FAIRFAX, VA

File Number 2006-00705

COMPLAINANT – Real Estate Board (Richmond, VA)

VIOLATION – Hussein violated the Board's regulations by virtue of her two federal felony convictions for embezzlement.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 0225079316.

SHERRY ROXANNE SAMPLES

STAFFORD, VA

File Number 2006-00748

COMPLAINANT – William Alexandra (Woodbridge, VA)

VIOLATION – Samples violated the Board's regulations by virtue of her felony conviction for cocaine possession; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 0225082405 and \$1,500 in monetary penalties.

OTIS BANNISTER, JR.

CHESAPEAKE, VA

File Number 2006-01538

COMPLAINANT – Robert Wainwright, Jr. (Virginia Beach, VA)

VIOLATION – Bannister failed to remit earnest money deposit for placement in escrow account; and failed to notify the Board of an address change.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 0225048199 and \$1,000 in monetary penalties.

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SEAN E. BATES
FREDERICKSBURG, VA

File Number 2005-03697

COMPLAINANT – Tracy Green-Wilburn (Fredericksburg, VA)

VIOLATION – Bates failed to act in such a manner as to protect the public; acted outside his brokerage firm; knowingly made a material misrepresentation; and obtained a license through false or fraudulent representation by failing to disclose his felony conviction for embezzlement.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 0225069825 and \$350 in Board costs.

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About DPOR and the Virginia Real Estate Board:

The Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR) regulates nearly 40 commercial occupations and certain professions. The agency licenses or certifies more than 300,000 individuals and businesses ranging from architects and contractors to cosmetologists and professional wrestlers.

DPOR investigates reports of regulatory violations by licensees; pursues complaints of criminal activity by unlicensed practitioners; responds to business-related consumer inquiries and requests for license checks; administers recovery funds for consumers harmed in contractor or real estate transactions; and conducts mediation services and public awareness campaigns.

The Real Estate Board regulates approximately 80,000 businesses and individuals who represent others in property transactions, including those dealing with condominiums, cooperatives, and time-shares. The Board also administers the Virginia Real Estate Transaction Recovery Fund, which provides monetary relief to eligible consumers who incur losses through the improper and dishonest conduct of a licensed real estate practitioner. The fund is supported entirely by assessments paid by licensed real estate professionals, not by any tax revenues.

For more information, visit DPOR online at www.dpor.virginia.gov.